Fads and Fashions

By Florence Fairbanks

sicality by making a leap and landing ling degree in women's fashions. Furs, velvets, barbaric iewels, bold embroideries and other characteristic Russian trimmings and ornamentations predominate, and Tolstoi smocks, ezarevitch tunies, Cossaek hats towering aloft and mujik turbans enswathing the ears are features of midwinter styles.

The most notable feature of this Russian dress mode is the tunic. Everywhere the tunic predominates. It is of chiffon, of cloth of gold or silver, of jotted or beaded gauze, or net, o. satin able material. Most of the evening cos-

One of the most striking dress feais the velvet blouse bordered all around with fur and belten at the waist line. According to Russian notions a tunic, belted in at the waist, becomes a blouse, no matter what its length. Some of the Russian blouses fall quite to the knees; others extend only a few inches below the belt; but below the belt they always do extend, for the bodice and skirt combination has no place in Russian

The velvet blouses with fur borders imitate the peasant smock affected by Tolsto and fasten down one side of the front in the Russian fashion, with baggy lines and broad shoulders extending in very becoming, style of those worn by the little ezarevitch, Alexis, are worn over wool and permo dresses, though, of course, these ionable dance frock, which has proved on his head?" chiffon affairs do not serve as coats, even more acceptable and convenient in true Russian style, with sleeves all and is finished with a band of Russian embroidery which continues down the py finish to the czarevitch tunic,

tions of skating costumes worn on the clined in fav skating suits are of velvet and the fur by silver talle over crepe meteor.

cially these of generous proportions.

NEW YORK, January 22.-Lady following closely their originals, the up Fashion has once more proved her whim- derskirts and whole under bodies are of a delicate material, over which is in Russia. A perfect craze for things tunic reaching almost to the here of Russian seems to have broken out and the dress proper. Handsome afternoon gowns follow this idea, their undergarment being, for instance, some rich dark mulberry satin, with Russian tunic and blouse of coarse black silk net embroidered in mulberry tones in band of the Royal Statistical society, "el-

The spread of the Russian craze has brought back the belt to popularity. Deep toned embroideries are combined with red or black leather and wonderful clasps of beaten gold and silver. and these new Russian belts are a conspicuous item of the costume, for they are extremely wide, ranging from three and falls over frocks of every imagin- to six inches across. Jewels and en- ful dieting, golf and healthy exercise, amels belong to the Russian girdle, tumes at the opera and in the theater from the clasp at the yoke line to the alert than his father or grandfather at show tunies of one sort or another, curious festconings used down the side dozens of variations being effected by front. Dark metals, looking like oxi the dressmakers in the long, clinging dized silver and old iron, are mingled in jeweled clasps for the back and front of loose-fitting girdles. A barbarie ortures of the present season in New York | nament of dull silver or gold, set with enamel or colored stones is the buckle most worn,

Among the many reasons which explain the popularity of ermine this winter is the remarkable vogue for black and white. Black, of course, is always dignified, and there goes with it an air of refinement which supplies the charm striven for by all women. But when a touch of white is added, either as fur, lace or tulle, there is a certain relief so fashionable just now are supposed to which gives an all-round satisfaction. This combination distinguishes many costumes for day and evening wear. It is always in good taste and generally

to the sleeves. The fur border goes. It is reported that Paris has been all around the bottom and runs up the conquered by the separate blouse and edge of the side fastening and around when one considers the newest models, the wrists of the deeves and is usually whether they be of linen, challis or the fashionable saunk. These blouses of the more intricate combinations of may or may not be worn over velvet lace and chiffon, there is little doubt skirts, but the skirt, of whatever mater | concerning their justified ciaims. They ial, is always in the same color as the are so eminently convenient that Amervelvet blouse coat. Sometimes these lean women have always clung to those blouses are worn over little afternoon, friendly adjuncts to morning and after-agree at all. We is all the time quarten frocks of eashmere do soie or permo noon toilettes, and the sanction of the relin', stuff. Chiffon blouses or tunics in the French will undoubtedly increase their advice? popularity, It is rumored that in Paris the fash-

as do the velvet blouses. They are cut than was anticipated, will grow shorter as the season advances. While this in one with the body of the garment and rage for the sensibly abbreviated skirt no arm seams. The neck is cut out in has not extended to the reception gown a square, or straight across from shoul- nor the at home frock, it has penetrated der to shoulder in the Russian fashion, in among such stuffs as rose petals and rainbows are made of. No material, no matter how diaphanous, need be reservside fastening. A belt of the embroid ed for the long reception gown; short as interest on debts and dowries, for ery combined with leather gives a snap- frocks demand all the elegance of the tourist expenses and in immigrants' reseason. The debutante's dresses are mittances. So there was a shortage last Directly traceable to Russian infin- more beautiful than ever. Silver has year of about \$225,000,000 and of \$380, ence is the abbreviated "skating cost touched her white frock and rested | 000,000 in nine months this year. By type of dress seen now on the there so persistently that the combina- fresh borrowing the interest payment The jaunty short skirts, bor tion has almost become an uniform, has thus increased in two years by some dered with fur, are American adapta- White satin, pure and simple, has de \$24,000,000. The extensive customhouse Neva during the gay St. Petersburg the inevitable silver gauze, and again vast shortage is understated. winter scason. Usually these Russian the same moonlight effect is produced

border is of skunk. A huge muff and turban of fur complete this fetching winter costume. It is scarcely neces winter to remark that this style of one absentee as trimming. Indeed, the lord of New York will take 5,000,000 and huge aigrette as trimming. Indeed, the lord of New York will take 5,000,000 and huge aigrette as trimming. sary to remark that this style of cos hats are amenable to the latest treat, bushels of wheat. Tourists' and health tame is appropriate and becoming only ment which may suggest itself to the seekers' trips help the country by proto youn; and girlish figures and should mind of the great designers. Cream moting trade abroad and bringing back be avoided by all elderly women, espe- colored velvet for the full crown of a information; but when to the growth toque has been advantageously used on of extravagance and to the waste of an The Russian dress is usually of slight- a fur brim. A certain relief from the artincially heightened cost of living is ly lowered neck line and abbreviated dark colors so popular is thus given, but added the burden of supporting "Amer-sleeve, showing from beneath a contable band of skunk very cieverly keeps ican colonies" in European capitals,

trasting yoke and coff, which was eriginally connected with the understire. Jeweled, studded and carved pins are corresponding advantage.—New York at present seen on the heads of nearly World.

every woman who wears a braid; and nearly every woman does. They are very pretty, though expensive, as a matter of course,
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ACTIVE ELDERLY

MEN OVER FORTY

Appear to Hold Efficiency to Much Greater Age

The activity and good health of the man over forty is one of the features

of the present day.
"Undoubtedly," observed a member derly people appear to maintain what one may call a greater efficiency than they did years ago. I think this is largely due to the great growth in medical skill and also to the fact that people particularly those in responsible position study their physical fitness far more than used to be the case. The man of 45 or 50 appears today, by caregenerally, to keep himself far more

a similar age.
"My view," said the middle-aged head of a prominent city firm, "is that the men in the city preserve their efficiency nowadays far longer than they used to do. I know old men, as you may cell them, who still bear upon their shoulders the responsibility of some big concern. Years ago they would have been sitting at home in their slippers at such an age.

"Elderly men study their appearance far more than they used to do," said the manager of a city bank, "They wear collars and ties and styles in dress which make them look smart and youth-From my eperience it certainly seems that the elderly man is very loath to leave the scene of his activities now adays. I put it down to ours being an abstemious age. Directly a man has a small ailment he goes straight to his physician. What the medical man tells him to do he does exactly. His one desire is to keep fit, and he man ages to do so. '-London Daily Mail

Had Tried Hot Water

A buxom colored sister once proacher her pastor and said: "Brud der Johnsing, me and my ele man don't Will you oblige me wid some

The paster replied: "Sister Jackon, has yo' tried heapin' coals of fire She then exclaimed: "No, Brudder Johnsing, but I'se tried hot water.'

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